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In re Application of:

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Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

*(Filed Concurrently With Application)*

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For: WEEP VENTING SYSTEM FOR MASONRY WALLS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with guidelines set forth in 37 CFR 1.98(a) for satisfying the duty of Applicant and counsel to disclose to the Office information known thereto that is material to the examination of the application.

In filing this document, it is understood that information is deemed to be "material," as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a), where there is a "substantial likelihood that

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Inasmuch as this paper is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, as is called for in 37 CFR 1.97(b), it is respectfully requested that due consideration be given to the art that is cited herein, and that such art be made "of record" during the prosecution of this application.

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a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent."

The references listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 forms were considered during the preparation of the application identified above. It is respectfully requested that they be considered and made of record during the prosecution of the application.

The one-page Mortar Net web site printout listed at the bottom of the first of two sheets of PTO-1449 forms discloses the "proposal" that is discussed in the paragraph that begins mid-way down Page 1 of the present application.

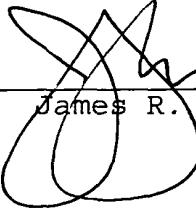
The patents that are referred to toward the bottom of Page 11 of the application are among the patents that are listed on the two sheets of PTO-1449 forms.

Copies of such references as are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 forms are appended.

While it is believed that the claimed subject matter of the above-identified application distinguishes patentably over all of the above-listed references and information, the Examiner's careful review is respectfully requested.

In the event that the Applicant learns of other material information during the pendency of the present application, such information will be brought promptly to the attention of the Examiner.

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